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For: CHAFER RUBBER COMPOSITION, AND HEAVY DUTY PNEUMATIC
TIRE USING THE CHAFER RUBBER COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 13, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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2. (Amended) A chafer rubber composition, wherein 55-75 parts by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen adsorption specific surface area of 70-120 m²/g and 0.2-0.5 parts by weight of 1, 3-bis (citraconimidomethyl) benzene are blended with respect to 100 parts by weight of a rubber component including 30-50 parts by weight of natural rubber and/or polyisoprene rubber and 50-70 parts by weight of